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### **C.A.W.M.C. GENERAL MEETING IN NIAGARA FALLS WELL ATTENDED:**

Your editor has just returned from Niagara Falls after attending an extremely successful, annual Canadian Numismatic Association convention. Our Association held its annual meeting on the final morning of this convention with thirty-four people in attendance. They came from all across Canada from New Brunswick to British Columbia and from eastern and western States in the U.S.A. The official minutes of this meeting will be printed up for next month's newsletter so this write-up will serve only as a quick overview.

This breakfast meeting seems to always be a wonderfully popular occasion. It is a chance to renew past acquaintances and to meet new people. As well, those who have issued "woods" for the convention freely distribute them to all in attendance. I haven't carefully counted all of the 'woods' issued but I'm sure it has to be well over twenty. I'll try to show them next month.

Our president, **Al Munro**, conducted both the business meeting and also called the very large auction. The two hours allotted to us, in the program, stretched well beyond the three hour mark by the time the auction was completed.

The highlight, of course, for me, your editor, was the presentation, from the Association, to me of a Life Membership. It was a completely unexpected surprise and I am humbled and sincerely grateful to receive this honour. *Many Thanks.*

Certificates of appreciation were also awarded to two other of our members, **Bob Brown** of Highspire, PA and **Edward MacPherson** of Sydney, Nova Scotia, both of whom have been tremendous contributors and supporters of our Association.

Good discussions took place on two particular issues. The first on a motion from myself to have a *bi-monthly* newsletter with the expectation that if sufficient material is available, we put out a newsletter every month, if possible. The motion carried and hopefully we will have sufficient material for all twelve months rather than just six per year. The second long discussion centered around our catalogue listing and what should be in it. A consensus was reached and our Charter member *Les Copan* (C4) so capably summed up the discussion saying "If it exists, it should be catalogued so we know it is out there regardless of how many there are."

Our cataloguer, *Norm Belsten*, announced that a *new update 2006 supplement* is now available from him for \$6.00 Can. This 2006 update lists all the new or newly discovered 'woods' since the last update issued in 2004.

Many people, of course, were looking forward to the very large auction, which now followed

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**C.A.W.M.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** - continued from page 1

the business portion of the meeting. At this time, the 50/50 draw winner was announced as **Karen Eaton**, who won \$30.00. The Larry White signed woods, (shown in last month's newsletter), were auctioned, and put another \$60.00 into the C.A.W.M.C. treasury. Then came the auction of fourteen sets (4 'woods' to each set) of beautifully, painted butterfly 'woods' with the C.A.W.M.C. logo on the reverse. These 'woods' were all hand painted by **Carolyn Gillespie** (wife of C.A.W.M.C. member Dave Gillespie). These sale proceeds were also being donated to the Association. They sold like hotcakes and as a result, C.A.W.M.C. put another \$353.00 into its treasury from these sets.

For the next 1½ hours, president Al conducted the remainder of the auction which included 'woods' from the collections of the late **Ted Boxall** and the late **Jerry Remick** as well as material donated by other members.

It was, indeed, a very successful annual meeting. Much more to come next month.

**PRINCE GEORGE SPRUCE DOLLARS NOW AVAILABLE:**

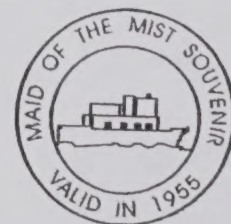
This year's 2006 Spruce dollar is now on sale and page 4 of this newsletter has all the information for ordering.

In the May 2006 newsletter (page 4), I wrote an article indicating that I thought the numbering on the Spruce Dollars was incorrect and concluded that this year's (2006) Spruce Dollar should have # **158** on it. I wrote to the Prince George Chamber of Commerce explaining how I thought they had incorrectly numbered the year 2004 'Dollar'. I got no response and I guess no one was interested enough to check or did check and figured that all was correct as is. Note that the picture of this year's 'Dollar', on page four has # **157** on it.

**CANADIANA HISTORY:**

No doubt everyone is wondering what this is all about in relation to "wood" collecting. As you know, your editor is always looking for something interesting and maybe even a little different, but still 'wood' related to include in the newsletter. To this end, I was recently surprised to read in the *July 7, 2006* edition of the '*Toronto Star*' newspaper, an article, (*see page 5*) which contained a remote but still a connection to our 'wood' hobby. It is also timely in that our annual general meeting was just held in Niagara Falls and the "**Maid Of The Mist**" wooden token mentioned in the article is from Niagara Falls. Those who attended the convention probably saw the present *Maid Of The Mist* sailing into the mist of the *Falls*. This 1955 token (a broomstick wood 25 mm in diameter) is listed as 5565 – 07 in our official Canadian Wood listing. It was interesting to read that it had been included as a part of our Canadiana History. I have shown the actual wood (both sides) at the right

If any member sees material, which relates to our hobby, please, please send it along.





**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH:**

This month's free wood was donated by C.A.W.M.C. member **Ed MacPherson** of Sydney, Nova Scotia. The 'wood' recognizes *The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canso Causeway - A Gateway To The Island. 1955 - 2005.*

As noted on the wood, it opened in 1955. This causeway was built to join Cape Breton Island to the Nova Scotia mainland. Prior to its construction, Cape Breton Island and the Nova Scotia mainland were separated by a narrow body of water called the ***Strait Of Canso*** and people had to depend on a system of railway and highway ferries for travel and shipping to Cape Breton Is. In the early 1950's this causeway was proposed to include a navigating lock and bridge on the Cape Breton side, which would allow ships with a 30 foot draft to pass through the Strait.

This causeway was officially opened on August 13, 1955 and is considered to be one of the biggest engineering feats

in the area.

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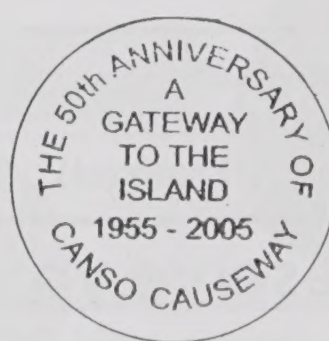
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 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1



The wood is *red* in colour on the *printed side* and the 'Loonie' side is *gold* colouring.

Many thanks Ed for this donation to the membership.

**NEED MATERIAL:**

Your editor has lots of material for the next two months as the recent C.N.A. convention has provided considerable. For beyond that, ***SEND IN THOSE ARTICLES!***

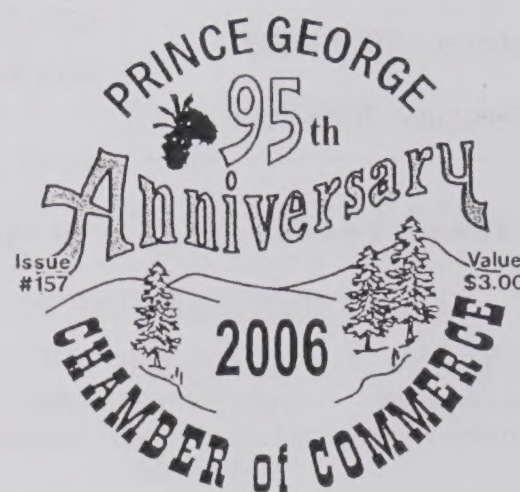




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# NIAGARA FALLS 'WOOD' TOKEN PART OF CANADIANA HISTORY:

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2006 • TORONTO STAR

## Our history one piece at a time

ALWYNNE GWILT  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

With 64 pieces of historical materials from coast to coast, the Six String Nation guitar is no ordinary instrument; it's a piece of Canadiana.

"It's a very interesting icon and it's a new one for the country," says Stephen Fearing, who was the first person to play the guitar, in Ottawa on Canada Day, and who will play it again tonight at the Mariposa Folk Festival in Orillia, Ont.

"It's not a beaver or maple syrup, it's special. I really hope it shows up at different things... almost like a ceremonial thing."

The brainchild of Jowi Taylor, a CBC Radio host, the guitar is made up of pieces of everything from Maurice Richard's Stanley Cup ring to Pierre Elliott Trudeau's canoe paddle to the St. Boniface Museum in Winnipeg, where Louis Riel went to school. The instrument was made by esteemed luthier George Rizsanyi.

"I'd like to see people embrace the guitar as a natural symbol for Canadian music," Taylor says.

It has taken 10 years to get the guitar to where it is today — about to embark on a nationwide tour that will bring it to Toronto at the end of August. It took a lot of work to convince people to donate the pieces that make up the instrument, the hardest being the elusive golden spruce from the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia.

"That one was a real nail-biter," Taylor says of the albino relative of the Sitka spruce that the Haida band considers sacred.

It took two years to get the piece of wood — and only after Taylor went to the island himself to negotiate.

Part of the project involves returning the guitar to all of the places its pieces have come from, and Taylor hopes it will be played by such iconic performers as Bryan Adams and Neil Young.

"I also want to make sure it gets played by the folks who are the best guitarists in their little town. I think that's part of the spirit of this thing."

## Sounds like Canada

The 60-plus components of the Six String Nation guitar are from all over Canada. Each element is representative of an aspect of Canadian history or culture. Here is a selection:

Nephrite jade. Dease Lake mine, B.C.

Gold from Maurice "Rocket" Richard's Stanley Cup ring of 1955-56. Montreal.

The world's longest covered bridge, over the St. John River. Hartland, N.B.

Lighthouse that received the first distress signal from the RMS Titanic. Cape Race, Nfld.

Drawer from floating X-ray clinic, the Christmas Seal ship, which served Newfoundland for 23 years. Twillingate, Nfld.

Lunenburg historic building. Lunenburg, N.S.

The oldest rock in the world — dated at 3.96 billion years. Great Bear Lake, N.W.T.

Log from author Jack London's cabin. Dawson City, Yukon.

Nancy Greene's childhood skis. Rossland, B.C.

A piece of Pierre Elliott Trudeau's canoe paddle. Montreal.

Walrus tusk. Rankin Inlet, Nunavut.

Wall of the Wildcat Café. Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Neck composed of:

Fairmount Bakery bagel shibba, said to be the inventor of bagels with sesame seeds. Montreal.

Bluenose II ship deck. Lunenburg, N.S.

Ukrainian Orthodox church. Gardenton, Man.

Montreal Forum seat 10, row G, section 321. Montreal.

Nancy Greene's childhood skis

Log from Jack London's cabin

Oak back is from a timber beam from St. Boniface Museum, former convent Grey Nuns. Winnipeg.

Doukhobor grain elevator. Verigin, Sask.

Massey Hall seat Number 69 from the gallery level. Toronto.

Trim from Beaver Bush Plane. Vancouver.

Muskox horn. Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Timber foundation of St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox church. Gardenton, Man.

One of 38,000 wooden nickels carved from the third Majd of the Mist after it burned in 1955. Niagara Falls, Ont.

Red oak from the Machault, a French frigate scuttled in 1760. Atholville, N.B.

Jean Doucet's and Marguerite Gaudet's Acadian house from 1768, probably the oldest house on P.E.I. Rustico, P.E.I.

Seat from Massey Hall

Childhood home of James Naismith, inventor of basketball. Almonte, Ont.

A piece of the ship The Yukon Rose. Dawson City, Yukon.

Paul Henderson's hockey stick used in the 1972 Canada vs. Soviet Union series. Toronto.

Lucy Maud Montgomery's family home/post office. Cavendish, P.E.I.

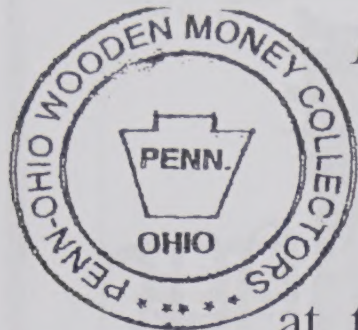
Johnny Reid's desk, from JR's Bar, where Canadian musicians such as Stompin' Tom Connors and Anne Murray launched their careers. Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Copper from the roof of the Library of Parliament. Ottawa.

Copper from Library of Parliament roof

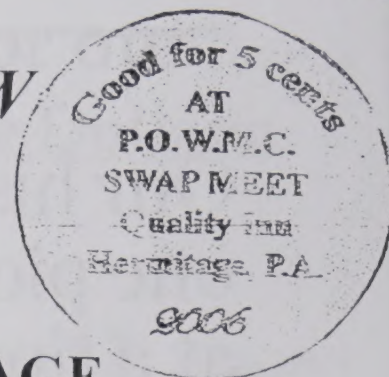


PENN – OHIO WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS THIRD ANNUAL SWAP & SHOW:



## POWMC 2006 FALL SHOW

September 16, 2006



at the **QUALITY INN OF HERMITAGE**

This year the POWMC's annual fall show and swap meet will be in the same location as last year...Hermitage, PA. This is the same hotel and conference room as last year. The hotel is still undergoing remodeling at this time and the restaurant will be in operation for all 3 meals.

I have set aside a block of 15 rooms for that weekend. The room cost is \$55 + tax for a single or double per night. The block expires August 30, 2006. Call the hotel at 724-981-1530 to make your reservations.

If you would like to reserve a table, the cost is still \$10 for 1 table and \$15 for 2 tables. We are using the same conference room as last year and it should be available Friday evening as it was last year. This conference room can accomodate 25 tables and all tables were sold last year. To secure a table, fill out the attached Table Registration Form.

The hotel is located at the first Pennsylvania exit as you enter from Ohio. The exit number is 4. To get to the hotel, use the exit for PA 60 North and PA 18 North for Hermitage. PA 60 and 18 split about ¼ mile north of the exit...stay in the right lane for PA 18 North and the Quality Inn of Hermitage is about 500 feet on the left.

Looking for other things to do in the area ? There is a golf course across the street and 20 more within a half hour drive. The World's Largest Shoe Store, Reyers, is about 6 miles away. The Prime Outlet Mall of 150 stores is a half hour away. Other attractions include 444 Flags Cemetery, Amish country, antique shops, trout fishing, 2 chocolate factories, and Kraynak's Christmas Land.

Hope to see you this fall !

Rich Boyles